GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Revenue Department - Allegations of Corruption against Sri Edara Venkateswara Rao, formerly Sr.Assistant, O/o MRO, Jarugumilli Mandal, Prakasam District – Trapped on 14.08.2000 - Retired on 31.12.2007 - Dismissed Criminal Appeal No.622/2007 filed by the Bureau in the Hon'ble High Court of AP - Requested to drop further action and to treat the suspension period as on duty – Examined - Further action dropped against Sri Edara Venkateswara Rao, formerly Sr.Assistant, O/o MRO, Jarugumilli Mandal, Prakasam District and Regularization of suspension period as on duty under FR 54-B – Orders – Issued

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REVENUE (VIGILANCE-V) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 432 **Dated: 14-05-2025**

Read the following:

1. From the DG, ACB Final Report Rc.No.119/RCT-NPK/2000 Dt.17.04.2001.
2. Judgement Dt.25.01.2007 in CC No.19/2001 of the Hon'ble Court of the Spl.Judge for SPE & ACB Cases, Nellore.
3. Orders dt.14.12.2023 of the Hon'ble High Court of AP in CRLA No.622/2007 filed by the Bureau.
4. Representation received from Sri E.Venkateswara Rao, Retd. Senior Assistant, Revenue Dept., dt.Nil.
5. From the DG, ACB Letter Rc.No.119/RCT-NPK/2000 Dt.9.7.2024
6. From the CCLA Lr.No.REV02-27021/43/2024-VIGILANCE II SEC-CCLA (C.No.2647546), Dt.26.03.2025

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ORDER:

Whereas it has come to the notice of the Government that Sri E.Venkateswara Rao, while working as Senior Assistant , O/o Mandal Revenue Office, Jarugumalli Mandal, Prakasam District was trapped by ACB when he demanded and accepted a bribe of Rs.1200/- from Sri Mallavarapu Brahma Reddy for issuing Pattadar Pass Books and title deeds. He was kept under suspension from date of detention i.e. 14.08.2000 and thereafter he was reinstated into service and joined duty on FN of 24.04.2004 and was posted as Senior Assistant at MRO, Gudlur Mandal, Prakasam District after 3 years and 7 months.

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2. Whereas, a criminal case registered by the ACB authorities against him was taken on file as C.C. No. 19/2001 in the Special Court for ACB Cases, Nellore and the Hon'ble Special Court, Nellore after conducting a thorough trial and examining the witnesses, the Hon'ble Special Court, Nellore, disbelieved the prosecution's case and acquitted him on merits for the offense under Section 7 and Section 13(2) read with Section 13(1)(d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, under Section 248(1) of the Cr.P.C., delivered the judgment on 25-01-2007. Subsequently, the individual was retired from service on the A.N 31.12.2007 an attaining the age of Superannuation.

3. And whereas the ACB authorities filed Criminal Appeal No.622/2007, dt: 01.06.2007, before the Hon'ble High Court of Andhra Pradesh, Amaravati, against the judgment of the Special Judge, Nellore, in C.C.No.19/2001, dt: 25-01-2007. The Hon'ble High Court of Andhra Pradesh, in Criminal Appeal No.622/2007, dt: 14-12-2023, dismissed the appeal filed by the ACB.

4. Sri E. Venkateswara Rao, Senior Assistant (Retd,), O/o MRO, Jarugumalli Mandal, Prakasam District in his representation has requested to drop further action and regularize his suspension period.

5. The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau vide their letter 5th read above interalia has informed that the bureau is of the opinion that it is not a fit case to prefer S.L.P in the Supreme Court of India against the order Dt.14.12.2023 of the Hon'ble High Court of Andhra Pradesh in Crl.Appeal No.622/2007 and requested to communicate the Government orders in the matter to this Bureau.

6. The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, AP, Mangalagiri in their letter 6th read above while furnishing the proposals along with check list for regularization of suspension period from 14.08.2000 to 23.04.2004 in respect of Sri E Venkateswara Rao, who was retired on 31.12.2007 as Senior Assistant O/o Tahsildar, Gudlur has requested to issue necessary orders in the matter.

7. Government after careful examination of the matter and after following due procedure has decided to drop further action against Sri E. Venkateswara Rao, Senior Assistant (Retd.,), O/o MRO, Jarugumalli Mandal, Prakasam District as the individual was acquitted in the criminal case by the Hon'ble Special Judge, Nellore and the same was upheld by the Hon'ble High Court of Andhra Pradesh and regularize the suspension period under Rule 54 B of Andhra Pradesh Fundamental Rules

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8. Accordingly, Government hereby drop further action against Sri E. Venkateswara Rao, Senior Assistant (Retd.,), O/o MRO, Jarugumalli Mandal, Prakasam District and also regularize the suspension period from 14.08.2000 to 23.04.2004 (i.e., 3 years and 7 months) as 'On Duty' for all purposes as per Rule 54 B of AP Fundamental Rules.

9. The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, AP, Mangalagiri and the District Collector, Prakasam are therefore requested to take further necessary action accordingly.

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The District Collector, Prakasam
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The Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, A.P.
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